

Operation of Four Laws Passed by Legislature Held Up By Referendum

Nebraska political storm clouds loomed on the horizon when 150 farmers, representatives of political and nonpolitical farm organizations, labor unions and candidates for governor and United States senator gathered in the office of the secretary of state and presented referendum petitions, bearing from 57,000 to 66,000 names, against four laws passed by the last legislature. The laws at which the petitions are aimed follow:

Randall-Haseall anti-picketing bill. Portion of banking bill which gives state banking board discretionary power to decide whether there is a public demand for a new bank in a town.

A state-wide registration bill which would force farmers to register their political affiliations.

Amendment to the primary bill which would discontinue direct primary for election of delegates to county, state and national conventions.

Wray Demands Amendments.

Arthur G. Wray of York, probable candidate for governor, formally opened his campaign broadsides in a speech delivered at the meeting, in which he advocated an initiative campaign demanding the following constitutional amendments:

To forever prohibit the legislature from taking away from the people their right to nominate their own candidates in the primary.

To forever prohibit the legislature from passing a law requiring a voter to register his party affiliation as a qualification for voting at any election.

The stage setting was managed by A. E. Sorenson, secretary of the Nebraska Nonpartisan league, who introduced the speakers and superintended the work of draymen in carrying the petitions and placing them on a table for flashlight pictures.

Attacks Registration Law.

The speakers included R. Beecher Howell, candidate for United States senator; Jesse Johnson, Nebraska organizer for the Nonpartisan league; A. H. Bigelow, attorney for the Central Labor union, Omaha; Mrs. R. W. Curry, representing a gentle sex branch of the Nonpartisan league at Litchfield, Neb.; N. J. Norton, representing the Nebraska Farm bureau; C. J. Osborne, state president of the Farmers' Co-operative union.

Arthur G. Wray explained reasons for directing the referendum at the state-wide registration law.

"The law," he said, "casts an unnecessary burden upon rural communities and it will keep thousands from the polls who are more concerned in men and measures than in mere party considerations. The farmers of the state are more interested in their program than they are in party and if the success of their program requires them to cross mere party lines they should not be prosecuted as criminals for so doing."

It fell to R. Beecher Howell to explain reasons why the referendum should be invoked against the new primary law.

Defends Direct Primary.

"Since 1907," he said, "the direct primary has been in efficient operation in this state and with the hearty approval of a majority of the people, as has been evinced by the jealous solicitude with which its provisions have been guarded. In fact, it was but last year that in a state-wide referendum the electorate by a huge majority defeated an attempt of the 1919 legislature to limit the application of the present primary law."

A. H. Bigelow sponsored the referendum of the anti-picketing bill, for which only 57,000 signers could be obtained against the 66,000 signers for the other bills.

"The law would bar peaceful picketing," he said, "which is constitutional and we have laws now against picketing by force in which bloodshed occurs."

C. J. Osborne explained the reason for a referendum against the banking bill.

"It gives a state board, unfriendly to co-operative banks, the power to decide whether such a bank is needed and you know what the decision of such a board would be."

Farm Editor Speaks.

J. H. Franzer, editor of the farm paper owned by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas and circulated in Nebraska in connection with Governor McKelvie's paper, was another speaker.

J. N. Norton of the farm bureau, explained the attitude of his organization toward three of the laws. Farm bureau organizers declined to circulate anti-picketing bill petitions.

"This legislature, like all others, we feel make mistakes in these three instances," he said, "and after we learned that a majority of our members favored the referendum on these laws we helped circulate the petitions."

"But at the same time we believe there were many more good laws passed for the farmer at the last session than there were bad laws."

A certified expense account was filed showing the circulation of the petitions cost \$2,866.50. Of this amount \$1,500 was subscribed by the Nonpartisan league and \$1,000 by labor unions. The remainder was raised by independent subscriptions.

In order to get a referendum on these bills it was necessary to get only 38,000 signers to the petition.

Wobbly Tells Reporter a Pathetic Tale of the Hardships on the Road

A youthful wobbly wobbled through Lincoln Sunday night bound from North Dakota, so he alleged. A State Journal reporter, for want of something better to do, plied the traveling man with questions. "You ain't one of those plain clothes guys, are yuh?" asked the drifter suspiciously, and being set at ease on that matter he

related his experiences of the past few months. Being an observing young man he had much to tell.

"I've been hittin' the road for eight months and in that time I've seen as many as fifteen days straight that I never ate a bite. I've been arrested about sixty times. I started in to count but didn't have no place to add muh fingers and so I just lost count. On one streak of arrests in Utah and thereabouts I was picked up fifteen times straight inside of twenty days and sentenced every time. My sentences ran from 10 to 90 days and I served only two days of the whole batch."

"They just threaten and scare all they can, then give a guy a 'float' which means that he's gotta be hittin' it out inside of four hours or thereabouts. I've seen every kind of a bum, hobo, loafer and tramp there is. I've seen kids ten years old hangin' onto the rods and I've seen men 89 years old dangle their feet off a box car. I tell yuh they don't all hit the road for fun, some of 'em have to. And once they hit her it's hard to get away from it."

"Fun? I'd hardly call it that. When a fellow rolls off the rods blue with cold, his mouth, eyes and ears full of dirt, no place to go to clean up, no place to sleep, no place to eat and in danger of getting pinched at every corner it can hardly be called any great sport, can it? When I get to North Dakota I'm layin' off this hittin' the road and tell any young feller for to come see me before he hits the rods. I'll tell him how not to do it."

"These wobbles ain't such bad guys," he continued; "they're all just good fellows, quiet and the like. The fellows who raise all the hell are the hi-jackers. Course they carry wobbly cards and the whole wobbly bunch gets the blame."

"The touring ain't all bein' done by auto this summer, neither. Three days ago I counted 235 hoboes near Hutchinson, Kas., beatin' it west on a freight and on another freight followin' them a few miles was fifty more. So all of 'em ain't goin' east neither. Well, here comes my freight, brother, so long."

American Legion Notes

"FACTS—NOT OPINIONS"

Plans are now being made by State Headquarters of the Nebraska American Legion to have motion pictures made of the big parade to be staged at the state convention of the Legion to be held at Fremont this fall. These pictures will be used for posts throughout the state and for historical purposes.

"Hundreds of Nebraska ex-service men are becoming victims of tuberculosis," stated Frank B. O'Connell, state adjutant of the Nebraska Legion, in an interview recently. "The claims in our files show that many men were discharged in apparently good health but are now breaking down with this disease. I am appalled at the numbers who are coming in to our service office, who now have this trouble." Mr. O'Connell is of the opinion that immediate steps should be taken to provide hospitalization for these increasing cases.

Buddy, there will be a surprise in store for you at the Nebraska Legion convention this year! Such is the news that is leaking out of Fremont recently, since the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and other organizations have gotten back of the local post of the American Legion. Plans are well under way to show the Nebraska veterans a real, old-fashioned good time.

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BEREA

Boost! Boost! Boost!

For the Berea Community Sunday School. The attendance for July 17 was 80, for July 24, 77. Come and join us. We need your help next Sunday, at 10:30 sharp.

Mrs. J. E. Barritt, Supt.

Mrs. Jackson, mother of Charley Jackson is here visiting with them at present.

Mrs. James Kennedy is spending a few days visiting with relatives and her many friends at Alliance this week.

Quite a large number of people attended the Sunday School convention from the Berea Sunday school, at Hemingford Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris have moved in from the country and are living in Mr. Kennedy's house. Ralph is working with the railroad now.

Mrs. Mary Pool has been visiting at the home of Mr. Holcomb for a few days. Mrs. Holcomb has been quite sick the past week.

Rex Cass, wife and baby from Wyoming are here visiting at the parental home.

Harve Cass is working on the Methodist church at Alliance.

A pleasant afternoon was spent at our church Sunday afternoon by all present, listening to a good sermon delivered by Rev. Epler. We all appreciate our ministers coming to us and giving a few of their many fine sermons. A large number of visitors from Alliance and around Berea were present.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Foerstemann returned Wednesday morning from a two weeks' vacation trip in Colorado.

Mrs. Arthur S. Wright returned Sunday morning from Lincoln, where she has been visiting her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. James Keeler returned Wednesday morning from a short vacation at their summer camp near Henry, Neb.

E. A. Smith and Fred Halstead from north of Hemingford, passed through Alliance Wednesday on their way to Antioch on business.

Chadron Journal: Mrs. W. L. Rodgers, who has been confined at the Sisters hospital at Hot Springs for several weeks receiving radium treatment for goiter, and also underwent a tonsil operation, was able to return home this week. She is being cared for by her daughter, Mrs. Carney, of Alliance.

Occasionally a system of accounting can be understood only by a magician of the old "now-you-see-it-and-now-you-do-not" school.

Before taking that auto or camping trip, get the Motor Cream to protect your complexion at McVicker's Beauty Parlor. 70

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